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Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all of the required paperwork (Appendix-I, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters), and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, all Vendors must also be registered in the CCR within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsible.

FV-320

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: September 26, 2005

Miscellaneous Products, Announcement FV-320, Invitation 013

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh potatoes for processing as indicated below and per the Announcement for donation to the Child Nutrition Program. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, **Wednesday, September 28, 2005**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, September 30, 2005. Deliveries are to be made from December 1- 15, 2005.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Fresh Potatoes for Processing

Bulk

640,000 lbs

Specifications for Potatoes for Processing:

1. **Grade** - U.S. No. 2 Potatoes for Processing or better.
2. **Pack** – Bulk
3. **Crop Year** - The potatoes shall be from the current packing season/crop year.
4. **Size** - Whole potatoes shall be not less than 1 7/8 inches in diameter in accordance with the U.S. Standards for Grades of Potatoes for Processing (usable pieces not less than 4 ounces in weight) 3% can be undersized and 10% can be oversized. Lots shall not contain less than 45% over 6 ounces.
5. **Varieties** - Shepody, Ranger, Umatilla, and Russett Burbank. Varieties cannot be mixed.
6. **Sugar or sugar end content Criteria:**

No more than 15 % of the potatoes (plugs or slices taken from the sample) are Color 3 or darker in the USDA Color Chart, or comparable scale when fried in 375 degree F oil for three minutes. The sample for frying to determine color may be prepared by one of the following methods:



- a. 3/8" X 3/8" center cut strip
- b. 3/4 inch diameter area in the center of the cut face of a 1/4 inch slice made by a transverse cut through the tuber at 1/2 inch from the stem
- c. 2 1/2 inch disc cut from a 5/16 inch slice taken from the middle of 10 potatoes

7. **Specific Gravity Specification:**

All varieties 1.075 or higher

8. **Bruise:**

No lot should be less than 40% bruise-free.

The method of calculating the term "bruise-free" shall be evaluated for bruising by the Federal or Federal-State Inspector.

9. **Domestic Product Requirement:**

Documentation is required to support the domestic origin of the product.

10. **Grading and Inspection:**

Inspection must be performed by Federal or Federal-State Inspection Service. Product will be inspected as delivered at destination.

11. **Invoices and Payment:** Invoices and payment will be in accordance with Section X. Invoices and Payment, Announcement FV-320. Sample chart in the submission of invoices is attached.

No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.

Note: Effective August 1, 2005, Contractors are required to submit Annual Representations and Certifications via the Online Representation and Certifications Application (ORCA), a part of Business Partner Network (BPN). The internet address for registering in ORCA is <http://orca.bpn.gov>. The representations and certifications are effective until one year from the date of submission or update to ORCA. A revised abbreviated Appendix 1 dated August 2005 will be required for contractors registering via the ORCA system. A notice to the trade regarding this requirement was issued on June 28, 2005 at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/cp/tradenotices.htm>

However, Contractors who have previously (prior to August 1, 2005) submitted the Appendix 1 for calendar year 2005 will be relieved from the ORCA online registration until the expiration of their Appendix 1.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-320, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Miscellaneous Products dated June 2003, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-0239, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-320, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV320
 INVITATION : 013
 COMM GROUP : 89 MISC PROD BULK
 COMM TYPE : 20 POTATOES-BULK
 PACK SIZE : 90 BULK

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (LBS)	PRICE PER (LBS)
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/05 - 12/15/05					
001	EASTON	ME	TRUCK ONLY	200,000	_____
002	CONNELL	WA	TRUCK ONLY	440,000	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				640,000	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION				640,000	


 Felicitas C. Lofton
 Contracting Officer

Attachment

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COMPANY NAME
ADDRESS

Date: July 1, 2005

Total for Item 001

(Signature/Title)